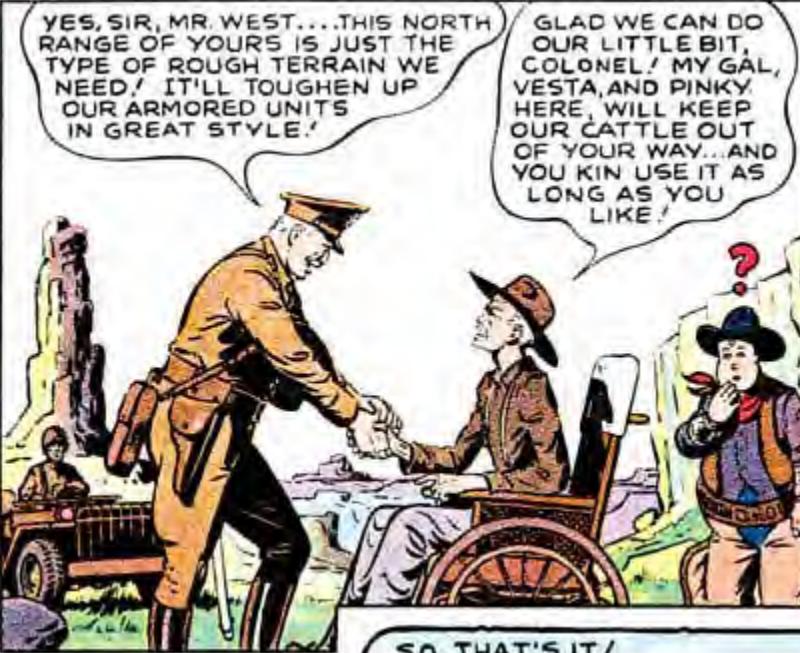


VESTA WEST

AND HER HORSE
"TRAVELER!"

RIGHT THIS WAY,
COLONEL.... MR.
WEST IS WAITING
FOR YOU!



JUST LISTEN TO THAT STUPID
JIM WEST - HE'S GONNA LET
THE ARMY USE HIS NORTH
RANGE FOR NOTHIN'!
CARRY OUT YOUR ORDERS,
BOYS, AND THIS
RANGE WILL
SOON BE MINE!
HEH! HEH!

YEAH... AND
WE'LL ALL GET
RICH OFF THE
OLD FOOL'S
LAND!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, TRAVELER....
I DON'T HEAR ANY RATTLES?.. WHY
DO YOU WANT
TO GO THIS
WAY?



SO THAT'S IT!
GRASP IS UP TO
SOMETHING - WELL,
HE WON'T FIND
US NAPPING!



Vesta West

and her
horse

Traveler

BY
RAY
BAILEY

BOYOBODY!
WHAT A BREAK,
FINDING YOU IN
THIS WILDERNESS.
TRAVELER, OL' BOY!
NOW, IF ONLY
VESTA ...



SORRY I HAD TO
BE SO ROUGH,
CHIEFIE - BUT IT ISN'T
POLITE TO POKE GUNS
IN FOLKS' FACES,
YOU KNOW!

VESTA!!



WHY, VESTA!
THIS LETTER'S
FROM SUSIE
HOLMES!

IT'S HARD TO
IMAGINE MEEK
LITTLE SUE AT
THE FRONT!
READ IT QUICK,
VESTA, OR I'LL
BURST WITH
CURIOSITY!!

LISTEN
TO THIS,
GIRLS!



--WE WAACS AREN'T QUARTERED NEAR THE
ACTUAL FIGHTING LINES, BUT, OF COURSE, WE
RUN THE SAME RISK OF BEING BOMBED AS THE
CIVILIANS BEHIND THE LINES - WE GOT OUR
BAPTISM OF BOMBS QUICK!

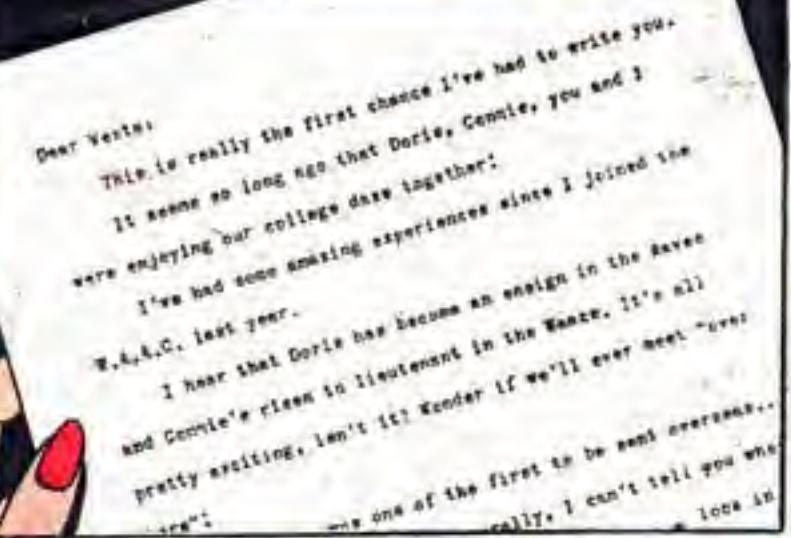
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--IT SEEMED AS IF WE'D JUST REACHED
OUR DESTINATION WHEN THE SIRENS WAILED
-A SURPRISE ENEMY RAID! ALTHOUGH ONLY
A FEW BOMBS FELL, IT WAS QUITE A SHOCK
TO US, AS YOU CAN READILY UNDERSTAND!



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--OUR OUTFIT WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO BE
SENT OVERSEAS - AND ARE WE PROUD OF THAT!
NATURALLY, I CAN'T TELL YOU WHERE WE ARE -
BUT IT'S VERY HOT AND RAINY HERE -



--BUT OUR TRAINING ASSERTED ITSELF,
AND WHEN THE RAID WAS OVER, WE ALL
PITCHED IN UNDER THE COLONEL'S ORDERS
.... STRANGELY ENOUGH, VESTA, THIS
BEGAN THE MOST AMAZING CHAIN OF EVENTS!



IMMEDIATELY AFTER HER ESCAPE FROM PATCH, SHE AND HER SON, VESTA RUSHED TO THE U.S. MARSHAL'S OFFICE WITH HER INFORMATION.

...AND I TELL YOU I SAW A JAP AND A NAZI OFFICER RIGHT IN PATCH SMITH'S RANCH-HOUSE, MR. MARSHAL.

AM I YOURS QUITE SURE OF ALL THIS, MISS WEST?

SURE! WHY, I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES. PATCH SMITH'S REAL NAME IS SCHMIDT. HAH! HE'S NOT MORE A HORSE DEALER THAN THAN...

MISS WEST, YOU'VE CONVINCED ME—YOUR STORY DEMANDS PRIORITY ACTION. HOWEVER, I MUST REQUEST ONE CONSIDERATION...

